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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (currently amended). A package comprising a casing which defines an inner compartment, said casing comprising a pair of overlapping multilayer [chemical barrier] films, each of said multilayer [chemical barrier] films comprising in order from the inner part of the package to the outer part of the package:

a) an inner layer comprising an unoriented nylon selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6.6, nylon 6/6 and mixtures thereof;

b) a middle layer comprising [either a polyolefin, a metal foil or] a biaxially oriented polyester attached to a surface of the inner layer; and

c) an outer layer comprising [either] a biaxially oriented polyolefin [or a polyester] attached to a surface of the middle layer;

[such that when the middle layer comprises a polyolefin, the outer layer comprises a polyester, and when the middle layer comprises a polyester, the outer layer comprises a polyolefin,]
a product within said inner compartment, said product comprising an absorbent fabric and solvent absorbed within said fabric;

and wherein the overlapping multilayer [chemical barrier] films are sealed together by directly attached portions of the inner nylon layers around a perimeter of the inner nylon layers.

Claims 23-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (original). The package of claim 22 further comprising an adhesive layer positioned between said outer and middle layers, and also between said middle and inner layers.

Claim 30 (canceled)

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Claim 31 (currently amended). The package of claim 22 wherein said polyolefin [of either said [middle or outer layer] comprises a polyethylene or polypropylene.

Claim 32 (original). The package of claim 22 wherein said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 33 (currently amended). The package of claim 22 wherein said polyester [of either said middle or outer layer] comprises a metallized polyester, an aluminum oxide coated polyester, a silicon oxide coated polyester, a polyvinylidene chloride coated polyester, or combinations thereof.

Claim 34 (currently amended). A package comprising a casing which defines an inner compartment, said casing comprising a single multilayer [chemical barrier] film, said multilayer [chemical barrier] film comprising in order from the inner part of the package to the outer part of the package:

- a) an inner layer comprising an unoriented nylon selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 6,6, nylon 6/6 and mixtures thereof;
- b) a middle layer comprising [either a polyolefin or] a biaxially oriented polyester attached to a surface of the inner layer; and
- c) an outer layer comprising [either] a biaxially oriented polyolefin[, a metal foil, or a polyester] attached to a surface of the middle layer;
[such that when the middle layer comprises a polyolefin, the outer layer comprises a polyester, and when the middle layer comprises a polyester, the outer layer comprises a polyolefin,]
a product within said inner compartment, said product comprising an absorbent fabric and solvent absorbed within said fabric;
and wherein the multilayer [chemical barrier] film is folded at an edge and sealed to itself by directly attached portions of the inner nylon layer around at least a portion of perimeter of the inner nylon layer.

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Claim 35 (new). The package of claim 22 wherein said polyolefin comprises polyethylene and said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 36 (new). The package of claim 22 wherein said inner layer consists essentially of an unoriented nylon 6, said middle layer consists essentially of a biaxially oriented polyethylene terephthalate and said outer layer consists essentially of a biaxially oriented polyethylene.

Claim 37 (new). The package of claim 34 wherein said polyolefin comprises polyethylene and said polyester comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 38 (new). The package of claim 34 wherein said inner layer consists essentially of an unoriented nylon 6, said middle layer consists essentially of a biaxially oriented polyethylene terephthalate and said outer layer consists essentially of a biaxially oriented polyethylene.

Claim 39 (new). The package of claim 22 wherein said nylon is nylon 6.

Claim 40 (new). The package of claim 34 wherein said nylon is nylon 6.